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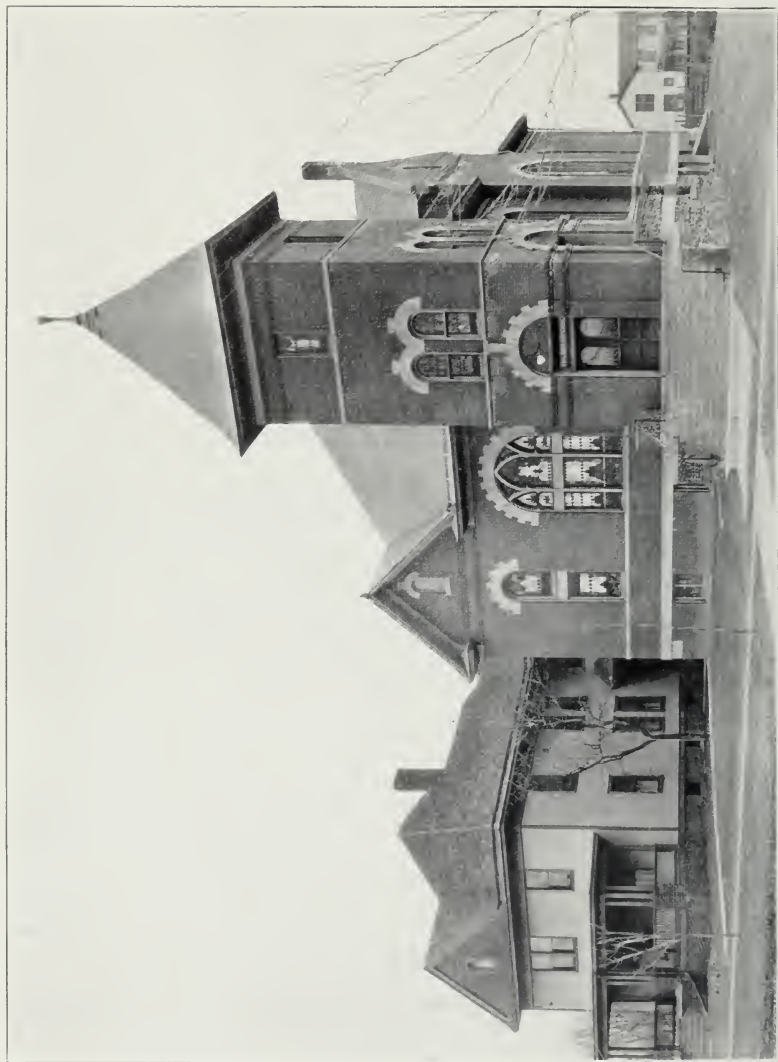
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PREFACE

With hearts full of praise and thanksgiving to God for past mercies, and with reverence for the memory of all those who have prayed and worked for the Kingdom of God in the Swedish Lutheran Church at Aledo the past fifty years, we wish to issue this book, that these memories may be kept and treasured by the children.

At the yearly meeting in 1922 it was decided to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary sometime during the year of 1923. The Church Council was asked to investigate the possibility for, and the cost of, publishing a souvenir for this occasion.

At the yearly meeting in 1923 it was decided that the congregation should celebrate its fiftieth year anniversary May 18—20 this year. A committee of five was appointed, consisting of Rev. O. Fred. Domeij, chairman, Mr. E. T. Carlson, Mr. Emil H. Bjorkman, Mrs. Ed. Bjorkman and Mrs. Arthur Lindorff, this committee to have full charge of publishing the book, appointing all sub-committees and to make all the arrangements concerning the Jubilee Celebrations.

We are fortunate in having all the records of the congregation preserved. Our aim is to revive the memories of the fathers, their labors and sacrifices for our dear Church, fresh in the memory of our children, and to preserve the past deeds and experiences for the future.

We realize that our efforts are incomplete, and that we can only make a summary of the historical facts. We hope and pray that these past experiences may inspire the growing generation to follow in their fathers' footsteps, to serve God and love His Church.

Aledo, Ill., May 19, 1923.

O. F. DOMEIJ.



REV. A. ANDREEN,
who organized this congregation.



THE HISTORY OF THE SWEDISH LUTHERAN CHURCH OF ALEDO, ILLINOIS

They then that received his word were baptized: and there were added unto them in that day about three thousand souls. And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread and the prayers. And day by day, continuing stedfastly with one accord in the temple, praising God, and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to them day by day those that were saved. Acts 2: 41, 42, 46, 47.

FIFTY years of the existence of this congregation is now past. This is but a short time, a fleeting moment of the human race, but in the experience of this congregation it means a great deal.

It means fifty years of prayers, work and struggle. It means fifty years of grace and God's blessing. In looking back over these years, we see the wonderful ways in which God has led and arranged the events in the history of this congregation.

Many have "gladly received the Word of God." Many have been baptized, confirmed, married, and buried during these fifty years. God only knows how much fruit has been gathered from this field, but one thing we do know: that there is a great host in heaven now praising the Lord Jesus for the work done in His Name.

As far as we know, the first Swedes to settle in Aledo were John Johnson, who came here from the Civil War, Charley Bjorkman, Peter Ringdahl, J. O. Lundblad, Oscar Wallin, O. Nyline, Eric An-

derson and Carl Runbom, during the year of 1869. It is interesting to know the history of the first Swedes in Aledo, but we are more interested to record the earliest religious work done among the Swedes here.

During the years of 1870 and 1871, services were held by Rev. A. Andreen in the various homes. A farmer from Cable came down and preached a few times. The people were hungry for the Word of God and were earnest in their endeavor to secure services.



MRS. G. A. GUSTAFSON.



MRS. OSCAR WALLIN.

Charter members, who are still members of the congregation.

Children were gathered in the homes on Sundays by Charley Bjorkman and were instructed in religion. On the 22nd of January, 1872, a meeting of Swedes in and around the town of Aledo was held in the old court house. At this meeting it was decided to ask Rev. P. M. Sandquist and Rev. A. Andreen to hold services in Aledo two Friday evenings a month, and also four Sunday services a year. The question of organizing a congregation was discussed, but no action was taken until the following year.

On the 19th of May, 1873, the Swedes of the Lutheran faith in and

around Aledo were called together for the purpose of organizing a congregation. The meeting was held in the old court house, and Rev. A. Andreen of Swedona was elected chairman and theological student Nils Forsander secretary.

Those gathered were asked if it was their wish to organize a congregation, and the following persons signed as charter members: Nils Forsander, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Oscar Lundblad, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Ringdahl, Clara Johnson, Karina Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Swen Larson,

Mr. & Mrs. Charles Bjorkman



MR. CHARLEY BJORKMAN.



MR. SWAN YOUNGREN.

Charter members, who are still members of the congregation.

Mr. and Mrs. John E. Swanson, Clara M. Swanson, Axel Viktor Swanson, Carl Frederick Swanson, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bjorkman, Carl Forsander, Frans August Peterson, Osle Johnson, John Aug. Bjorkman, Samuel Anderson Frank, Carl August Nyberg, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Magnus Runbom and sons Nels Johan and Anders Magnus, Mr. and Mrs. Erik Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. John Lindstrom, Mr. and Mrs. John Magnus Helgeson, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Johan Peterson, Mathilda Sofia Johnson, Stina Kathrina Johnson, Ida Carolina Johnson, Malin Johnson, Greta Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Lars Peter Dahl, Olaf Nylin,

Gustaf W. Monson, Oscar Wallin, Jonas Nordlund, Anders Peter Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Gustaf Adolph Gustafson, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Magnus Danielson, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Oscar Petters, Mr. and Mrs. John Johnson Plym, Mr. and Mrs. Swen John Johnson, Ida Christina Johnson, Emma Helena Samuelson, Swen Esau Johnson, John Johnson, Elof Larson, Nels Aug. Swenson, Nels Gustaf Tillberg, Ida Josephine Nyman, Kers Anders Anderson, Charles A. Tuen, Mathilda Charlina Engstrand, Carl Aug. Nelson, John Peter Helgeson, Mr. and Mrs. Anders Johan Spongberg, Emma Nelson, Nels Aug. Nelson, Mr. and Mrs. Olaf Gustaf Olson, Mr. and Mrs. John F. Anderson, Clara Sophina Olafson, Oscar William Gustafson, Swen Rydell, Peter Levin, Per Otto Gustafson, John Peter Plym, and John Swenson.

The congregational constitution, according to the Evangelical Lutheran Augustana Confession, was read and accepted, and it was decided to petition the Augustana Synod to be taken into that body.

Oscar A. Wallin was chosen as secretary, John E. Swenson as deacon for one year and Charley Bjorkman for two years. As trustees, J. O. Lundblad and Peter Ringdahl were elected for one year and C. A. Nyberg and Samuel Anderson for two years.

Nils Forsander was chosen to be its first pastor after his ordination the following summer. He was to serve Aledo, together with Sagetown, now called Gladstone, and was offered a salary of \$250 from Aledo. Dr. Nils Forsander remained only one year.

Rev. A. Andreen of Swedona and Rev. V. Setterdahl of Orion conducted the pastoral work in the congregation and held mid-week services and an occasional Sunday service until 1879.

The first confirmation class was instructed by Dr. Nils Forsander and was confirmed the 5th of April, 1874. It consisted of the following persons: Andrew Runbom, John August Nelson, Charley Johnson, Ida Christine Johnson, Aug. Bjorkman and Ida Johnson. One member is with us to-day, namely, Andrew Runbom.

People met in various homes for weekday and evening services, but Sunday services were held in the old court house.

Already in 1875 the question of procuring their own house of worship was discussed. The United Presbyterian church was offered the congregation, but as the price asked was more than the congregation thought it could afford to pay, they did not buy it, but at their yearly meeting in 1877 it was decided to build a church, 52 by 34 by 16, on lots 5, 7, 8, block No. 50. Two lots were donated to the congregation by Mr. Frank Thompson, and the congregation bought one.

The building committee consisted of Mr. P. Ringdahl, C. Runbom and G. Bjorkman. This building enterprise did not materialize, as an agreement was made with the U. P. congregation to buy their church for \$400, with the condition that they move the church to a foundation already prepared on the lots belonging to the congregation. A sum of \$523 was subscribed, for which the church was repaired and painted. The church was dedicated sometime during the year 1879.



REV. N. TH. WINQUIST, 1879-1882.

An agreement was arranged in 1878 with New Windsor that they should call a pastor together. Accordingly, calls were issued to theological student Petri and Rev. Challman, but unfavorable answers were received. Finally in 1879, N. Th. Winqvist accepted the calls extended by these congregations. He was offered a salary of \$150 from Aledo, and was to preach in Aledo every third Sunday and also some mid-week services. Rev. Winqvist began his pastoral duties in Aledo with a communicant membership of 65, and when he resigned, in 1882, there were 80.

Now followed eleven years of vacancy. Neighboring pastors served the congregations with ministerial work.

The following students from Augustana College served the congregation during these years: E. P. Olsson, J. E. Floren, J. A. Holmen, M. A. Nordstrom, N. Gibson, G. E. Youngdahl, J. Johnson, Bengston, A. T. Fant, and J. B. A. Idstrom.

At a special meeting held February 13, 1887, a call was issued to theological student M. A. Nordstrom, but this call was not accepted. In 1886, under the leadership of E. P. Olsson, a Young People's Society was organized with a membership of 22. This society has been a living force in the congregation ever since. It has now, in 1923, a membership of 80.

The members of the congregation felt that in order to secure and keep a resident pastor in Aledo, they must procure a parsonage. At the special meeting held March 4, 1891, the trustees were given permission and power to buy two lots for \$160 for the purpose of building upon them a parsonage. A subscription committee was appointed, consisting of Fred Peterson and August Anderson. This committee reported at the special congregational meeting, July 6, 1891, that \$900 was subscribed. Accordingly, the congregation decided to build a parsonage at a cost of about \$1,000. The dimensions should be 28 by 28 by 18. It should have four rooms and a pantry downstairs and four rooms upstairs.

A building committee was elected, consisting of Rev. Fred. Nebilius, Fred Peterson, Charley Bjorkman, theol. student A. T. Fant, Aug. Anderson and Erick Hawkinson. Most of the work in building this parsonage was donated by the members of the church. It was finished the same year at a cost of \$1,284.

At special congregational meetings, calls were issued to Rev. J. V. Carlson of Marshalltown, Iowa, Rev. Aug. Johnson of Monmouth, Ill., and Rev. John Holcomb, Morganville, Kansas. At a special meeting, October 20, 1892, a call was extended to theol. student J. B. A. Idstrom. To the great joy of the congregation, this was accepted. Although the congregation had been vacant for nearly eleven years, it had still gone forward. The membership had been raised from 80 in 1882 to 146 in 1893. Rev. J. B. A. Idstrom entered upon his pastoral work in Aledo after his ordination in Moline, in June, 1893.

Rev. J. B. A. Idstrom served the Lutheran congregation in Aledo the longest of any pastor, $7\frac{1}{2}$ years. The members of this congregation were made better Lutherans by Rev. Idstrom's faithful teaching and preaching a full Lutheran confession. Numerically, the congregation increased from 146 to 190 communicant members.

That the congregation not only looked to its own interest, but also to others, is shown from the repeated decisions made at yearly meetings, that collections taken on the first Sunday of every month should be given to missions, as well as special contributions by various societies.

A special celebration was held on the twenty-fifth anniversary of the congregation, May 19, 1898. Dr. Nils Forsander was the speaker for the occasion.

In 1900, Rev. J. B. A. Idstrom accepted a call to Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and so the congregation was again without a pastor. At the special meetings of the congregation calls were extended—first, March 1, 1901, to Rev. Geo. E. Youngdahl of Colorado Springs, Colo., and then, on June 27, to Rev. C. E. Olsson of Pomeroy, Iowa—but unfavorable answers were received.



THE OLD CHURCH.

Theological students C. W. Andeer and A. T. Lundholm from Augustana College, Rock Island, cared for the congregation during this vacancy.

The year of 1902 was a memorable year for the Aledo congregation in many respects. The call issued at the yearly meeting, January 2, 1902, to theol. student A. T. Lundholm was accepted.

Feeling that the old church was getting too small, the congregation decided at a special meeting, held February 5, 1902, to build a new

church. The trustees were elected as a building committee, and consisted of the following persons: Erick Peterson, Ed. Bjorkman, C. O. Anderson, Geo. Lundblad, and Fred Peterson. The deacons were elected as a subscription committee, and they were: G. A. Gustafson, J. P. Berg, Eric Hawkinson, Samuel Almquist, C. A. A. Root, and Charley Bjorkman; Rev. A. T. Lundholm was also included on this committee. The church was constructed of brick, 52x40, in Gothic



THE OLD PARSONAGE.

style. The contract was let to J. C. Robins, April 16, for the sum of \$6,487. With the interior decoration and furnishings the church cost the congregation at the time about \$8,500. The church was dedicated October 13. Dr. Gustav Andreen was the speaker for the occasion.

On May 5, 1902, the congregation sold the old parsonage to Mr. C. J. Carlson for the sum of \$2,100, and in June of the same year the contract for building a new parsonage next to the new church was let to Harney Bros. for the sum of \$1,997, and this was finished about the first of October.

Thus the congregation within one year secured a new pastor, built a new church and parsonage; truly an eventful year for the congregation. The congregation found in Rev. A. T. Lundholm a young and enthusiastic pastor, full of zeal for the welfare of the congregation and

salvation of souls. Rev. A. T. Lundholm did not stay long, however, but accepted a call to East Sveadahl and St. James, Minnesota, in 1905.

Calls were issued to Rev. N. W. Swenson from Arlington, N. J., and Rev. E. E. Anderson of Gibbon, Minn., but these calls were not accepted. Finally at the special congregational meeting December 4, 1905, a call was extended to Rev. Frank Swenson of Ashtabula, Ohio, at a salary of \$800. This call was accepted, and Rev. Frank Swenson entered upon his pastoral work during the year 1906. The congregation was served during the vacancy by the following students from Augustana College and Theological Seminary of Rock Island, Ill.: S. P. Holmberg, O. G. Berg, George A. Fahlund, and A. Swanson.

On April 28, 1906, a contract for building an addition to the parsonage was let to J. M. Harney for the sum of \$1,040. "The plan called for a two-story addition, 14x28, a study, a bedroom, an enlarged kitchen and back stairway," and other improvements, at the cost of \$1,136.

Up to this time the Swedish language had been used in practically all the services and religious instruction in the congregation. In the pastoral report for the year 1909 the pastor suggested the use of English in the Sunday-school. At the same yearly meeting the congregation decided that those that wished to have religious instruction in the language of the country, could so have it. The pastor said in the report of 1910, that as a result of the decision made by the congregation the previous year, the whole Sunday-school work has been changed over to the English language. Since 1903, one evening service in English a month had been held until 1917, when one morning service in English was added, and now one half of all the services are conducted in the English language.

The present pipe organ was bought and installed in the church by the Young People's Society in 1910 at a cost of \$1,738.30.

At the special congregational meeting held March 13, 1913, Rev. Frank Swenson resigned as pastor of the Swedish Lutheran church of Aledo, after six years of faithful service. He held his farewell sermon May 27th, and moved the following week to Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Theol. students M. A. Melford and Joshua Nelson served the congregation during the year 1913, and theol. students Joseph C. Mattson and F. G. Granquist during the year 1914.

Calls were issued to theol. student M. A. Melford of Rock Island, Rev. Emil E. T. Anderson of Cleveland, Ohio, and Dr. J. A. Krantz



THE BUILDING COMMITTEE OF THE PRESENT CHURCH.

of Duluth, Minn., but all declined. At the yearly meeting held January 8, 1915, a call was extended to theol. student Joseph C. Mattson of Augustana Theological Seminary of Rock Island to become pastor of this congregation after his ordination. To the great satisfaction of the congregation this call was accepted.

The congregational constitution that was accepted at its organization meeting in 1873 was retained by the congregation until 1917, when the congregation at its yearly meeting, January 12th, decided to accept in full the Augustana Synod Congregational Constitution of 1907. The purpose for changing from the original constitution was to allow equal suffrage to the women members.

The Parochial School has been conducted every summer by pastors and students since the organization of the congregation until 1917,

when, on account of lack of interest and the change of language, the Parochial School was discontinued.

Rev. Joseph C. Mattson, after having served this congregation faithfully for five years, resigned at a special congregational meeting held February 10, 1920, and accepted a call to Alvarado, Minnesota. Theol. students J. A. Parkander and A. C. Edstrom cared for the congregation during this vacancy.



REV. O. F. DOMEIJ.

DORIS.

ANNA C. DOMEIJ.

A special meeting of the congregation was called March 9, 1920, and a call was issued to Rev. Herman Olsson of Waterbury, Conn., but this call was not accepted. A call was extended to C. W. Andeer of Eskilstuna, Sweden, at the special congregational meeting held June 3rd. This, too, was declined. Finally, at a special meeting held September 13th of the same year, a call was extended to the undersigned. This call was accepted, and the present pastor began his pastoral work in January, 1921. The short time we have been here has been enjoyable to us, and we trust that it has been to the glory of God's Name.

We are indeed glad to have with us to-day the following charter members, who are still members of our church: Mr. Charley Bjorkman, Mr. Swan Youngren, Mrs. A. G. Gustafson and Mrs. Oscar Wallin. What is perhaps unique in the celebration of fifty year anniversaries is that we can welcome to our celebration all its former regular pastors, and that we can have with us the first pastor of the congregation, Dr. Nils Forsander. The only one that has served this congregation on a regular call that has passed away is Rev. N. Th. Winquist, and he had this congregation as an annex to New Windsor only a short time.

There are many names on the church records whose work and sacrifices we would like to mention, but time and space do not permit. However, there is one with us to-day, whose name is found on nearly every page of the old church records since before the organization of the church, Mr. Charley Bjorkman. He has been an instrument in the hands of God for carrying forward God's work in this congregation. He has been a pillar in this church, a man possessing good common sense, always standing up for what was right and good.

Thus we have in a few words summarized the main facts from the history of this congregation. It has in these fifty years passed through various experiences of joy and sorrow, prosperities and adversities, always hopeful, trusting in God. What the future will bring to this congregation, God only knows. May its members remain faithful to God and loyal to His Church.

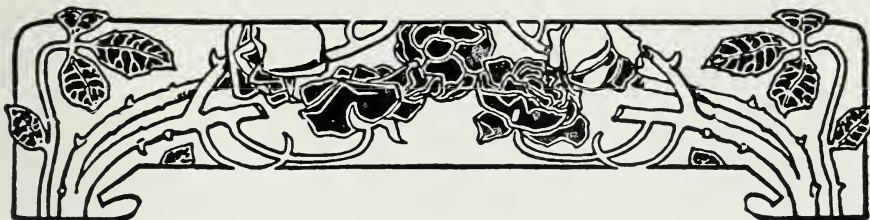
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Baptized	458
Confirmed	296
Buried	142
Married couples	108
New members received: Adults.....	399
Children.....	156
Expense in congregation.....	\$71,418.89
For Missions	\$16,284.94

May God in His infinite mercy bless and keep this congregation and all its members.

"Nevertheless that which ye have, hold fast till I come." Rev. 2. 25.

O. F. DOMEIJ, Pastor.



GREETINGS FROM FORMER PASTORS

*Greeting to the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Aledo, Illinois, from
its first pastor, Rev. Nils Forsander, D.D.*

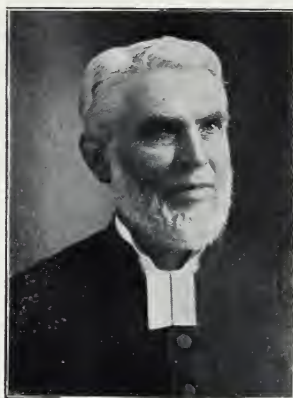
Dear Friends and Members of the Congregation:

Grace be unto you, and peace from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ!

"And I, brethren, when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God. For I determined not to know anything among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling."

These words of the holy apostle Paul in his First Epistle to the Corinthians, 2. 1-3, might also be quoted as a true description of my pastoral work in your congregation, and this service lasted only one year from my ordination in Paxton, Illinois, June, 1883. As I preached every other Sunday in my other congregation at Sagetown, now called Gladstone, and was during that year broken down by typhoid fever for about two months, nothing can be told of any visible achievements. Our Sunday services were held in the old court house, and the Christmas service was held in an American church.

Many of our church members showed me kindness and were attentive hearers of my humble, evangelical sermons and Bible expositions. I



DR. NILS FORSANDER,
1873—1874.

hope to God that some of those hearers received by His grace some spiritual edification for their souls to faith in our Saviour Jesus Christ.

The year before my ordination I was an assistant preacher to Rev. Jonas Swensson, president of our Synod and pastor at Andover. Rev. A. Andreen, pastor at Swedona, used to visit the Swedes in Aledo to preach and perform ministerial acts among them, and these two respected pastors agreed between themselves that Andreen should urge the Swedish people in Aledo to organize themselves into a Lutheran congregation and call a pastor. The result was that I was sent to preach there on Sunday, May 18th, and that Andreen came the following Monday and organized a congregation, which at the same occasion called me to become their pastor and preach every other Sunday. I had also such a call from Sagetown, and afterwards another from Monmouth, but I accepted those from the two first named churches, because I was told and believed that their need of a pastor was the greater.

The Aledo Lutheran congregation has had good and faithful ministers, and such is also their present pastor. That is a joy for my heart, and may God bless them all and their church members. May He bless us all and help us "to grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To Him be glory both now and forever."

Dear friends, let it be the earnest desire of us all to live in true and daily repentance and faith in Him; we will then meet each other in prayer at the mercy-seat and, when God pleaseth to call us, in the heavenly, eternal dwellings, where Christ Jesus has prepared room for us.

Rock Island, Illinois, March 14, 1923.

In the love of our Lord, your sincere friend,

NILS FORSANDER.

To the Swedish Evangelical Lutheran Church, Aledo, Illinois.

Grace and Peace!

It is a great pleasure to me as a former pastor to send you a cordial greeting on the day when you as a congregation can celebrate your fiftieth anniversary.

You have during these fifty years had many experiences and many trials, but maybe neither as many nor as great, I am glad to say, as many others have experienced. For this the Lord be praised, who has been with you during these years and guided you by His Spirit and



REV. JOHN B. A. IDSTROM, 1893-1901.



MRS. J. B. A. IDSTROM.

consoled you by His Word in all of your troubles, temporal and spiritual. May therefore the Word of God always be taught among you in its truth and purity, and you as children of God lead holy lives in accordance with it, then He will henceforth, as He has been hitherto, be your Shepherd and caretaker, and as the one after the other is called away from your midst by the Lord almighty, he will only be removed from the troubles of time to the heaven by rest that remaineth to the people of God.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of the Father, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us now and for evermore.

East Union and Carver, Minnesota, March 5, 1923.

Sincerely yours,

J. B. A. IDSTROM.

*"I remember the days of old;
I meditate on thy doings;
I muse on the works of thy hands."*

Ps. 143. 5.

To him who is trying to pen these words of greeting there will never be another church in the Augustana Synod which will hold the place in his heart that the Aledo church holds. Securely enshrined in our memory our thoughts often go back and we "remember the days of old" which were spent among the members of this church, and we thank God for every one of them.

Your church was my first love. God led my steps first to Aledo in the spring of 1901, when your church was under the care of students from our Seminary. After the service on Sunday morning the old patriarch Charles Bjorkman greeted me and made the request that I accept no summer call until I should hear from the Aledo church. Shortly afterwards a call reached me from Aledo to serve that church during the summer, which call I also accepted. Several calls to pastors were issued that year, but as they all were declined, a call was issued to me to become their pastor after my ordination in the spring of 1902, and God put it into my heart to accept that call, and then followed three years of blessed service until in 1905, when the condition of my health moved me to go back to the rugged climate of my home state, Minnesota.

More than twenty years have since elapsed. I am now serving my second pastorate after I left Aledo. New ties of friendship have been formed, and yet the old friends of my first charge are just as dear to my heart to-day as ever, and while many of them have gone and others are going to their eternal reward, their kindness, love and co-operation in the work shall follow us as one of the sweetest memories of our lives.

The years spent in Aledo were intensely active years. The old church



REV. A. T. LUNDHOLM, 1902-1905.



MRS. A. T. LUNDHOLM.

building gave way for a new and more modern structure. The old parsonage was sold, and the present parsonage was erected by the side of the new church. So loyally did the members of the church support these great projects, that we were able to leave the church free from indebtedness, and yet the church at that time did not number more than two hundred and twenty-five adult members.

There are two events from those years that are indelibly inscribed on our memory: the dedication of the new church building and the reception which was tendered the young pastor and his bride when they moved into the new parsonage.

Taken together, all these are memories that enrich life. They all

suggest to us another day, when the children of God shall be gathered in their Father's house above and be able to look over the life that now is, with all their sins and mistakes forgiven, happy in the presence of their Saviour and of one another. To that day we look forward with confidence and hope.

May God bless the Aledo church on this day of its festivity. The past fifty years have been years of small beginnings and splendid achievements. May the next fifty years be years of spiritual growth. Your church was founded and organized by the pioneers of our Synod. May their children prove worthy of their spiritual heritage and never leave nor neglect the church of their childhood. May they advance in the faith of their fathers and ever enlarge the influence of this church, faithfully praying together and working together until the Master shall return to discharge His servants and give them blessed rest. The grace of God has made possible the past. The present is charged with the same grace. The future will reveal it to us only ever more clearly. To God alone be the glory for grace received and for services rendered.

Sincerely, yours in the Lord,

A. T. LUNDHOLM.

Dearly beloved in Christ Jesus!

Greeting!

You are as a congregation these days celebrating your Golden Jubilee. You are to-day looking back over a period of fifty years of church activity, seven of which it was the privilege of the undersigned to serve you as your pastor.

Having been solicited by your present pastor to contribute some few words of greeting for your intended manual, relative to your fiftieth anniversary, I deem it proper to base this greeting on a word from Holy Writ. This is the word:

"Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee the crown of life."

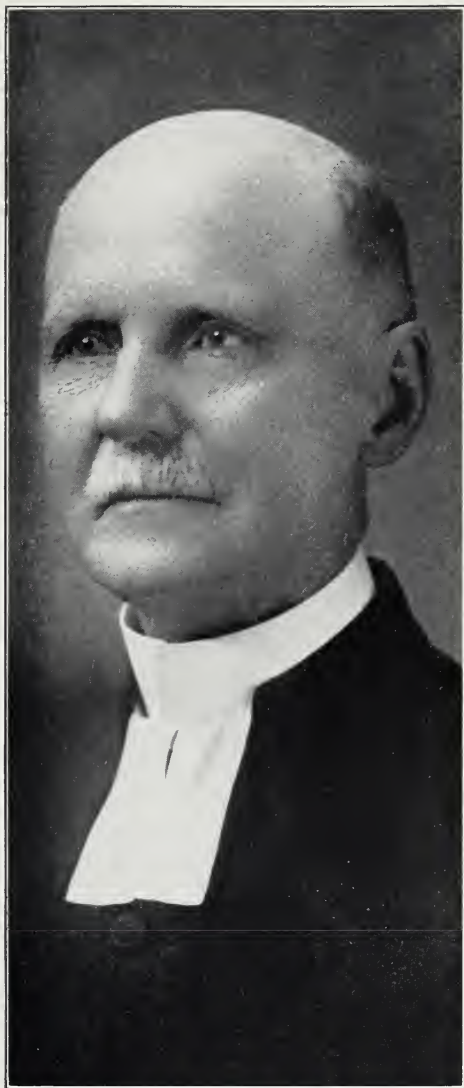
This is a word of Him who calls Himself "the first and the last, who was dead, and lives again." It is a word of Him who is the Head of the Church and the Author of our salvation.

This word is spoken to a church which was facing great temptation and tribulation, entering a period during which its faith would be put to a severe test.

It is generally conceded by close students of the Bible now that the Church of Christ is approaching a period of fiery trials and great temptation, the like of which have never been known.

How can we help but see this? The forces of evil are disintegrating the Christian Church. The spirit of Antichrist is operating no longer only within the confines of that body of Christians which boastfully lays claim to be the only true Church of Christ upon earth, but is in our day stalking more or less openly in all the other Christian churches in all lands.

We have, indeed, every reason to thank God that the Lutheran Church is least of all churches affected by the spirit of Antichrist. This is particularly true of that branch of this church to which your church belongs. As yet the Word of God in its fullness and purity is proclaimed from our pulpits. He who would dare to strip Jesus of His



REV. FRANK SWENSON, 1906-1913.

divinity would not be permitted in our pulpits. Let us hope and pray that it may always remain thus!

But even if we can truthfully say that we as a church have the unaltered truth of salvation proclaimed in our church, we are, however, in grave danger, because the religious air is literally polluted with religious error. The heralds of error are ever busy disseminating their errors in lectures and in the press. We come unconsciously under its powerful influence, and need therefore ever be on our guard, lest we fall.

During the half century of your existence as a congregation it has been your blessed privilege to enjoy the hearing of God's Word in its purity. This is your blessed privilege to-day. The crown of life has been, and is now, within your reach. Many from your church have already passed beyond the point where there is no danger of losing this crown. It is theirs only as a gift, but theirs because they were faithful unto death. It will also be given to you and all who lay hold of the Author of salvation and are faithful to the end.

There is no need of fear as long as we cling to the Author of our salvation, because He is mightier than the combined forces of all our enemies. We may often fear, especially if we forget to look at Him, and begin to look at ourselves. Let us not forget what He has said to His little host of followers, "Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." Yes, let us all look unceasingly at Jesus, and ever abide in His Word. If we do that we will at the end of our short journey on earth, together with other faithful who have gone before, finally be given the crown of life.

The good Lord grant us all this for Christ's sake! The same Lord grant unto you as a church an increased zeal for the unaltered truth of God's Word! He grant also greater faithfulness and consecration in the next fifty years. May the present anniversary be a source of rich blessing and an impetus to better work! This is the sincere wish and prayer of

Yours in the past humble servant,

557 Lapham St., Milwaukee, Wis.

F. SWENSON.

O come, let us sing unto the Lord: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms. For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods. Ps. 95. 1—3.

Dear Friends: Greetings!

Since the observance of the jubilee year came into practice as long ago as during the Old Testament dispensation, and was a divine ordinance, exhorting the people of that time to render thanks and praises unto God for manifold blessings enjoyed, certainly we of the present day have equal reasons, and even more so, to celebrate occasions of jubilee. Although no law binding us to such custom now is in vogue, it is nevertheless true that God is just as bountiful to-day as He was of old. And to hold special services of rejoicing and thanksgiving to the Almighty, who so wondrously has blessed you during five decades of active church work, is perfectly fitting and proper. May the following words of the psalmist likewise be yours: "I will sing of the mercies of the Lord for ever: with my mouth will I make known thy faithfulness to all generations."



REV. JOSEPH C. MATTSO
1915-1920.

What should be more natural in the kingdom of God than that its subjects render praises to the Most High? Should not they who so constantly receive gifts from Him burst forth in melodious strains as an expression of sincere and deep gratitude to the One who so freely doth give of His lovingkindness and tender mercy? Sometimes, it is true, there comes into the life of the Christian notes of discord. Not infrequently he himself is the cause of this. And when it doth please our gracious Father in heaven to send trials and afflictions to His own, it

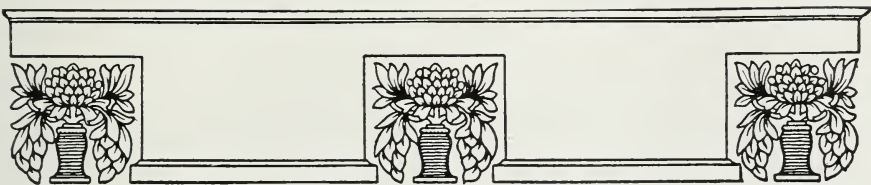
is comforting to know that also in those moments His love is active. David is a typical example of how a follower of Jehovah often becomes languished from grief and pain. And yet we hear so sweetly coming from his heart the triumphant exclamation: "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits." Nor does David stand alone among the men mentioned in Holy Writ whose lives bear testimony of similar experiences. Paul, the great apostle to the Gentiles, was not a stranger to afflictions, and yet he says: "I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us." And when looking back upon our own life's history, must we not acknowledge that "we lack in nothing"? As long as we live in the fellowship of the Lord this must be true: "My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness." Firmly rooted in Him, "neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

As you gather in special services these days, dear friends, to celebrate the semi-centennial anniversary of the organization of your dear church, some of you especially, when meditating on days that are gone, will recall many inspiring moments in the house of God. Nearly all the charter members of this parish have left the ranks here below, but the blessings of their deeds and their prayers do follow them after. We hope that all of them are now with the saints in the church triumphant enjoying the fruits of their labors. May God bless their memory among you and crown the efforts of the present members with success and into your hearts instill the assurance that He is with you always, even unto the end of the world. As the Lord has been with you in the past, so will He be with you in the future and bestow upon you even greater blessings than heretofore. Remain faithful unto Him to the very last, and yours is life eternal!

The Lord is indeed a great God, and a great King above all gods. He is the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto Him with psalms.

To God only wise, be glory through Jesus Christ for ever. Amen.

JOSEPH C. MATTSON.



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our Sunday School started two years before the church was organized. These meetings were held at the homes until we had a place of worship of our own. In these we were taught the Swedish language and studied the Catechism and Bible History, but now it is all in the English language. Our Sunday School, while small, has been very progressive. At the present time we have six classes for children, also two Bible classes, one for the men and one for the women. A new feature in our Sunday School work is the promotion exercises, inaugurated last year, whereby the children are advanced from one class to the other. These exercises were very impressively carried out. An annual event at the close of the Swedish parochial school was the Sunday School picnic which was attended by the congregation and friends, and many happy recollections we have of these annual gatherings. One week each year the Sunday School children canvass for funds for the Orphans' Home at Andover, Illinois. Our superintendents have been very good and faithful. Chas. Bjorkman, one of the living charter members, was the first superintendent and served in this office many years, and through his untiring efforts a solid foundation was built for our Sunday School. The other superintendents were A. N. West, August Swanson, Christine Almquist, Arthur Lindorff, Minnie Johnson, and our present one is John Johnson. Our orchestra consists of five members, who are rendering valuable service and aid greatly in the musical part.

MYRTLE LUNDBLAD.



THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

CRADLE ROLL DEPARTMENT

The Cradle Roll is the department of the Sunday School for babies and little children under four years of age. Through it the church and school seek to assist in the religious nurture of these little children in the home and claim them for future membership in the Sunday School.

It is the purpose of the Cradle Roll department to make a sincere and earnest effort to provide religious influence for these early years of baby's life in order that he may receive these early religious impressions. Through the service rendered by the department, the church becomes the friend of all these little children and thus answers the summons of the Master when He said, "Suffer the little children to come unto me; forbid them not."

A Cradle Roll was started in this church in 1919, and several members enrolled on a wall roll, but no active work was taken up in this department until in the fall of 1921, when Miss Amelia Anderson was chosen Cradle Roll superintendent and the work was taken up in earnest. A small cradle was at once purchased, to which is tied the name of each Cradle Roll member, while on the wall roll is written the names of all who have been enrolled since the beginning of this department.

Every child in the congregation under the age of four years is a member of the Cradle Roll department. At present twenty-three are enrolled. Promotion exercises are held once a year, when all those over three years of age are promoted to the Beginners' department of the Sunday School.

The Cradle Roll superintendent wishes to be the friend of all these little children. Her birthday message is a personal message in the name of the church. She speaks for the church when invitations are extended to come to the church and to Cradle Roll affairs from time to time. With pleasure congratulations are sent to the mother at baby's birth, and with joy she seeks to enroll at the earliest opportunity the child's name for the Cradle Roll. It is with increasing joy that she watches over him throughout the three years of his membership in the department and with a heart overflowing with joy when on Promotion Day she is able to present him as a member of the Beginners' department of the Sunday School for further religious nurture.

MISS AMELIA ANDERSON.



MEMBERS AND MOTHERS OF CRADLE ROLL CLASS.



Carl Field



John Kresko



Harry Magnuson



Kenneth Mason



Clarence Larson



Ralph Munson



Arvid Fredrikson



William Chisholm



Clifford Anderson



Leif Olson



Glen Munson



Ruth Bjorkman



Rev. O. E. Dornoff



Leola Berglund



Harry Olson



Michael Peterson



Leonard Olson



Theodore Moberg



Sadie Anderson



Virgil Magnuson



Oyvlie Peterson



Leonard Petersen



Alice Johnson



James Anderson



Carl Olson

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ORGANIZATIONS

THE LADIES' AID.

Although no exact date has been found of the organization of the Ladies' Aid, we are led to believe it was formed not long after the congregation, for as early as 1877 we find among our records that the ladies of the church paid \$43.50 for the first chandeliers, which were at that time lighted by kerosene lamps, and later in 1883 we have a very interesting report: Balance from 1882, \$50.82; income from auction, \$64.50; and the grand sum of \$140.80 for an oyster supper, making a total of \$256.12, for which they painted and remodeled the church for \$64.52, paid a note of \$144.32 and still had a balance of \$32.38 in the treasury. This is really surprising when we think of the small band of women in the church at that time. In the early days this society was called "The Sewing Society," as its industrious members spent many hours during the year with the needle, and in the fall, in connection with the Sunday School picnic, these articles were disposed of at auction, and usually a good sum was made for the church. For many years the members only paid five cents dues, but later this was raised to ten cents, and with the sociables and other benefits the Ladies' Aid has in many ways aided the church in local expenses. It has been the duty of this society to keep up the necessary articles of the kitchen and dining room of our church, also the repairs of the parsonage, and, aside from this, for many years were able to give \$70 each year to mission work. Every lady-member of our church is a member of the Ladies' Aid, yet we cannot claim that all attend regularly, but we can boast that every lady gives us a helping hand when we ask aid for our church, and this is the true meaning of our "Ladies' Aid."

MRS. E. T. CARLSON.



THE LADIES' AID SOCIETY.

LUTHER LEAGUE

On October 9, 1886, a large number of young people gathered at the home of J. P. Runbom for the purpose of organizing a Young Peoples' Society. E. P. Olsson, then a student, presided. The name of the society was later changed, and is now called the Luther League. The meetings were held in the different homes—on Saturday evenings at first. Funds were gathered by membership fees, collections, and donations. Books and magazines were purchased and loaned to the members. Besides the raising of money for different purposes, the meetings were helpful in holding the young people in unity, and in advancing the general welfare of the church. The programs given seem to have been of a spiritual nature and very interesting. Debates were held. Religious subjects were often discussed, and so, besides adding to the social bond of the young people, the spiritual tie was developed and the interest of the Master's kingdom served.

Since the society's organization it has helped the congregation in various ways. Many socials, dinners, entertainments, and New Year's wakes have been held. In 1912 a pipe organ for the church was purchased by the Luther League, which adorns the church to-day and stands as a monument of the love and interest of the young members of the church.

With a membership at the organization of twenty-two, there is now a membership of eighty. In 1889 the membership dues were \$8.65 and in the whole year \$32.01 was collected. In 1922 the collections have amounted to \$715.00.

Reading over the minutes of the years gone by, we find various kinds of service planned and given. In times of sickness and bereavement our members and friends have been remembered with flowers. We doubt not all has been accepted by Him whom we serve, however lowly the service has seemed to those who have performed it. Besides the work in the valley, there have been mountain top experiences for our League. Twice the District Luther League convention has been held here, and at different times some of our members have contributed to the programs at conventions held at other places.

Once the subject of a talk was, "How Shall we Reach the Unchurched?", which is still a problem that the young people of the Aledo Luther League may help to solve, and the prayer of one of the former



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secretaries, given in one of the minutes, is echoed by every earnest member—it is this: “May we with God’s help go unceasingly onward with our work.”

CHRISTINE ALMQUIST.

DORCAS SOCIETY

DORCAS—A pious woman of Joppa.—Acts IXth chapter, 36th to 42nd verses.

She was full of good works and almsdeeds.

She made garments which she gave to the poor.

The fame of this noble woman spread and many believed on the Lord.

Many Dorcas societies are named for her.

In the fall of 1914 a young ladies’ society was organized which was given the name of *Dorcas*.

This society originated from the Narcissus Club, organized in September, 1912. The club met every two weeks and spent the evening in doing fancy work and having a general good time. The members of this club, which numbered twelve, were: Nellie Carlson, Huldah Runbom, Emma Farm, Selma Farm, Myrtle Lundblad, Hilma Lundblad, Effie Borklund, Edna G. Borklund, Elsie Berglund, Christine Almquist, Freda Almquist, and Amelia Anderson. Several of the above, by the way, have since changed their names. Almost all are members of the Dorcas Society which we now have.

The society works mostly for Home Missions and for the church. We meet twice a month at the home of some member. Every member pays ten cents at each meeting, and an extra penny which goes in the Flower Fund; this fund to be used to purchase flowers for our sick members. We also have a Birthday Box, and this money goes to charity.

We have socials, entertainments, and bazaars; in this way we make the money for the work we do. The following is a brief outline of what the society has done during the past few years: redecorated the church; purchased candelabras for the altar; remodeled the basement and kitchen, the latter being done with the help of the Luther League; donated to the Lutheran Hospital at Moline, Illinois, and Augustana Nursery, and, last year, paid for the new roof that was put on the church.

The members and their friends take a great interest in this society, this being shown by the attendance at the meetings and the donations



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given when we have our socials and annual festival. The festival is usually held about Thanksgiving time.

The society has now a membership of fifty-four. Two of our dear members, namely, Mrs. Clara Anderson and Miss Pearl Anna Marie Borklund, have left our circle and gone to their heavenly home above.

A little while and we shall meet
The dear ones gone before;
And we shall clasp their hands again
On yonder radiant shore.

A little while and we shall hear
The Saviour's whisper, "Come",
And we shall ever dwell with Him
In our eternal home.

May God bless this society and its work.

HULDA C. RUNBOM.

WOMEN'S HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

The Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Society was organized January 25, 1917, at the home of Mrs. E. T. Carlson with an enrollment of 24 members.

The first officers were: Rev. Mattson, chairman; Mrs. Aug. Swanson, vice-president; Mrs. E. T. Carlson, secretary-treasurer.

This society is under the supervision of Woman's Missionary Society of Rock Island district, Illinois Conference, Augustana Synod. Two meetings are held each year. The membership dues 50 cents.

We share our apportionment in various branches of work by fulfilling pledges that are made at each annual district convention.

In February or March of each year a Home Mission Coffee is given. On the 1st Sunday in Advent Universal Prayer Day by Augustana women for missionary work is observed.

Special offering taken at a meeting in 1921 was given to the Bethphage Mission in Axtell, Neb; that of 1922 to the Seamen's and Loggers' Mission at Seattle, Washington.

The "Woman's Building" campaign for building at Rock Island, conducted by the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society, was participated in by all the women of our congregation, all contributing



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to the same; our quota of \$423 has been pledged, and \$375 has been paid.

Our quota of six W. S. S.'s. was secured through the efforts of Miss Amelia Anderson with the co-operation of the society officers.

The enrollment now stands at 72. Eight of our charter members have died; seven of these have been made "In Memoriam" by some of their children or by friends: Mrs. Mollie Anderson, Mrs. Chas. Bjorkman, Mrs. Clara Bjorkman, Mrs. Chas. Johnson, Mrs. Alfred Peterson, Mrs. Clara Anderson, Mrs. Christine Relander.

Our life members are: Mrs. Ida Johnson, Mrs. Inga Lindstrom, Mrs. G. A. Gustafson, Miss Clara Hult.

Comparing the beginning with the present, we rejoice over increase of interest and membership.

The receipts for the first year were \$18.25, that of 1922, \$147.55.

This society is now strictly a women's society. All the officers are women—Mrs. Inga Lindstrom being our first woman chairman.

Present officers are: Chairman, Mrs. Ed. Bjorkman; vice-chairman, Mrs. O. F. Domeij; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. A. W. Almquist; secretary "Missions-Tidning," Mrs. Arthur Lindorff.

The district convention was held in Aledo, October, 1918. This was an inspiration to the work thus newly begun and was a great factor in awakening interest of our women for missionary work.

MRS. A. W. ALMQUIST.

WILLING WORKERS AND JUNIOR MISSION BAND

The Junior work began in August, 1896, and was organized by Mrs. J. B. A. Idstrom at her home. Eight little girls constituted the first Junior Society. They were: Myrtle and Hilma Lundblad, Tillie and Hulda Johnson, Hulda Runbom, Ida Berg, Olive Runbom, and Nellie Bjorkman. They decided to give the organization the name of "The Willing Workers", and did prove worthy of its name in every respect.

Mrs. Idstrom continued her work as leader until the end of the year 1896, when Miss Amelia Anderson was selected as leader of the Willing Workers and she has successfully and faithfully superintended the Junior work ever since.

When the society was organized the girls decided to work for the Orphan's Home at Andover, and for many years all the income and all



THE JUNIOR MISSION BAND.

articles made by the girls were sent to the above institution. In 1900, when it was decided to build a new church, it was suggested that the Willing Workers work for the altar and statue for the church. By the time the church was ready for occupancy this little band had raised enough money to pay for the statue and altar, and had enough money over with which to purchase several dozen Hymnals to be used at the English service. Shortly after the parsonage had been completed and occupied they put in the electric lights and fixtures for the good parson and his wife. In 1909, when the Orphan's Home at Andover was destroyed by fire and a new building was planned, the Willing Workers at once volunteered to furnish a room; and besides they sent numerous articles for the home and the children, such as quilts, towels, aprons, handkerchiefs, etc.

In 1911 the Willing Workers purchased a piano for the church, and a couple of years later three hardwood floors were laid in the parsonage at the expense of this little band.

Electric fans for the church auditorium and a range for the basement were purchased and presented to the church in 1914, and the following year, when Rev. Joseph Mattson took up his abode at the parsonage, the Willing Workers completely furnished the guest room. In 1916 a baptismal fount and four dozen folding chairs were purchased for the church. This completed the work of the so-called Willing Workers.

During the years 1904 and 1908 a branch society called the "Pansy Club" was also in existence. It was composed of eight young ladies past confirmation age, who had been former members of the Willing Workers. They were: Mabel Lundblad, Hilma Anderson, Esther Peterson, Anna West, Cora Bloom, Mable Runbom, Vesta Hall, and Vinnie Runbom, who were also an enthusiastic group.

In January, 1918, at the request of the W. H. and F. M. S. of the Illinois Conference, it was decided that the Willing Workers should be changed to a missionary society with an object to work for the Missions, and the name "Junior Mission Band" was then adopted by the organization. Up until November of 1918 the society consisted of girls alone, but at the annual fall festival that year a special effort was made to enlist the boys also. The efforts were crowned with success and it was not long until every child in the Sunday School was a member.

During the years 1919 and 1920 the Junior Mission Band supported a little war orphan in France at a cost of \$100 per year. Since then they have taken up the task of supporting a Bible woman in India.

Two "In Memoriam" of departed members have been made; a donation for the Woman's Building at Rock Island has been forwarded, while numerous gifts have been given to different missionary purposes.

Fifty-two members are enrolled at present. The following are the officers for the present year: Superintendent, Miss Amelia Anderson; president, Mrs. O. F. Domeij; vice president, Mrs. A. L. Lindorff; secretary, Virgil Farm; treasurer, Gladys Anderson.

Meetings are held once a month in the church basement, when the Juniors give a short program, after which refreshments are served.

AMELIA ANDERSON.

THE LUTHERAN BROTHERHOOD.

At the annual meeting of the congregation January 2, 1894, a motion was made and seconded that the men of the congregation organize a Men's Building Society. The church having felt the need of a men's society, an organization was perfected, at the home of H. P. Borklund, January 26, 1894, with a membership of 25. Its purpose was to create a fund for future needs, either to help in the building of a new church, or to further any necessary need. This organization was also to try to interest all the men of the church in its work and to bring them in closer fellowship. At the first meeting the following officers were elected: President, Rev. John Idstrom; vice president, Charles Bjorkman; secretary, Wolfred S. Bjorkman; treasurer, Fred Peterson.

This organization, with the assistance of the ladies, at times, held a meeting once every other month at some of the members' homes. The meetings consisted of talks and topics concerning church work.

While this organization only remained active up to the year 1913, we believe the congregation received much blessing from it. The last meeting was held at the home of J. P. Runbom, January 2, 1913.

From 1913 until 1921 the Building Society met with the Ladies' Aid Society. On February 23, 1922, the men of the Lutheran church were called together to organize a Lutheran Brotherhood, a society having for its purpose: first, to encourage men to be faithful to their home organizations; second, to instill into the minds of young and old the highest type of patriotism; third, to assist in furthering the religious, moral, and social wellbeing of the boys of our church.



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The meeting was opened by a banquet, served by the social committee of the Ladies' Aid Society, covers being laid for sixty-five.

After the banquet the meeting opened with an address of welcome by Rev. O. F. Domeij, who acted also as toastmaster, toasts being given by the following: J. P. Berg, in behalf of the retiring church board; A. N. West, in behalf of the Men's Building Society; Emanuel Johnson, in behalf of the Sunday School; and Edward A. Lundquist, welcoming the new Brotherhood. A motion was made and seconded that the men here present organize a Lutheran Brotherhood Society and that the Men's Building Society merge with the same.

The Brotherhood organized with a membership of sixty-two. The following officers were elected at this meeting: President, Rev. O. F. Domeij; vice president, Arthur Lindorff; secretary, Edw. A. Lundquist; treasurer, John Olson. All officers were re-elected at the annual meeting of 1923 with the exception of the vice president, John Johnson being elected. Meetings are to be held the last Thursday evening of each month; dues are to be 25 cents a month.

Very interesting meetings have been held once every month, consisting of talks by many outside speakers, as well as musical numbers and discussions regarding church welfare. Ladies have been entertained at two of its meetings. During the short time since its organization we have increased the membership to 90 and we earnestly hope to make our Brotherhood 125 strong this year. Truly, how can any man refrain from taking part in this movement after he has learned of its laudable purpose. While we have not had the attendance at times to what it should be, considering the membership we sincerely hope that it will be one hundred per cent. strong in the future, and that much blessing will result, to the members of the church, as well as to the members of the Lutheran Brotherhood themselves.

EDW. A. LUNDQUIST.

THE CHURCH CHOIR

In the early history of our church there has been very little recorded of the work of the organist and the choir. Miss Hilma Lundblad, our first organist, served faithfully for a number of years, with Miss Selma Bjorkman as substitute. Her successor, Miss Emma Borklund, served until the year 1903, during which time the first choir was organized. She was succeeded by Miss Josephine Bjorkman, who served as organist during the years of 1903 and 1904, and she very ably assisted with the work of the choir. Miss Ida Berg served the church as organist during the years 1905, 1906, and 1907, who by her fine contralto voice added greatly to our church services. She was succeeded by her brother, Mr. David Berg, during the year 1908. In 1909 we reappointed our faithful servant, Miss Josephine Bjorkman, who had served us in the preceding years. During this period the interest in the choir, which had waned, was again renewed and with her help the choir was reorganized. During the next few years, 1913 to 1916, the choir did very creditable work with Miss Hilma Lundblad as organist.

As the years go by we must go forward. Have we accomplished anything? Who are the ones that are carrying the burden of the organist and the choir work? In 1916, our present organist, Mrs. Edna Borklund Stevens, took up her work. Seldom has she missed a Sunday service and the weekly rehearsals of the choir. May she continue to serve the Master faithfully.

Our choir leader, Mr. Arthur Lindorff, by his example of faithfulness, spurs each lagging member of his organization to greater efforts. May the light of his work continue to shine as it has done in the past.

The personnel of our choir is as follows:

Sopranos

Mrs. Glen Anderson
Miss Ruth Forsell
Miss Myrtle Lundblad
Miss Mable Lundblad
Miss Dorothy Johnson
Miss Pauline Johnson
Mrs. Ernest Berg
Miss Eling Monson
Miss Delpha Rehn
Mrs. Rena Johnson



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Contraltos

Mrs. Ida Abercrombie
Mrs. David Bostrum
Miss Laura Anderson
Miss Mabel Anderson
Mrs. Arthur Lindorff
Mrs. Selma Almquist

Tenors

Mr. Oscar Bjorkman
Mr. Charles Erickson
Mr. Emanuel Johnson

Bass

Mr. Arthur Lindorff
Mr. Emil Bjorkman
Mr. John Johnson
Mr. Forest Anderson

If we could dwell on the individual excellence of our choir it would fill volumes. There is one sad vacancy in our choir that can never be filled, namely, the passing of Mrs. Clara Anderson. We miss her greatly and she has received her reward.

As we face the future let each of us give of our time, of our talents, of our lives that the work of our Master may be done. As it is recorded in Luke 6. 38: "Give and it shall be given unto you; good measure pressed down, shaken together, and running over."

EMANUEL JOHNSON, Choir President.

THE CHURCH ORCHESTRA

The first orchestra in the Swedish Lutheran church was organized 15 years ago. There were six members of this orchestra: J. E. Berg, first violin; Carl Swanson, second violin; Cornelius J. Anderson, first clarinet; Rudolph Berg, second clarinet; Henry G. Peterson, first cornet; and David Berg, piano. This orchestra was organized for the Christmas and New Year's programs and furnished some excellent numbers. Soon afterwards it disbanded.

There was then no church orchestra until the fall of 1921. At the organization of the Lutheran Brotherhood there was formed the "Bro-



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therhood Orchestra," under the direction of J. E. Berg. This orchestra was composed of J. E. Berg, violin; Rudolph Berg, clarinet; Mrs. Rudolph Berg, piano; Arthur Lindorff, trombone and cornet. This organization played at practically all of the Lutheran Brotherhood meetings as well as at numerous other church entertainments.

At about the same time as the organization of the Brotherhood Orchestra there was formed a Junior Orchestra in the Sunday School, under the leadership of Arthur Lindorff. The personnel of this orchestra was: Arthur Lindorff, trombone; Yvonne Berglund, piano; Ralph Munson and Glen Munson, violins; Arthur Olson and Virgil Farm, cornets; Virgil Anderson, clarinet, and Mrs. Edna Stevens, bass. There are at the present time about five active members of this orchestra.

Since the first part of the year 1923 the two orchestras, "The Lutheran Brotherhood" and "The Sunday School", have been combined as one organization, "The Church Orchestra", under the leadership of J. E. Berg. The combination was formed to play for special church services or gatherings. The Sunday School Orchestra, however, still is an active organization of itself and gives wonderful assistance in the Sunday School services.

When the entire personel of the "Church Orchestra" is together it is a very commendable organization and furnishes excellent numbers on various church programs.

The orchestra has at different times been ably assisted by Mrs. Rudolph Berg, Harry McFarland, Orman Simpson and Glen Jenkins, who, though non-members of our church, have very kindly helped out with their services, and whose assistance has been truly appreciated.

We wish and hope that the "Church Orchestra" may grow and prosper, and that it will continue to furnish entertaining music as it has in the past.

J. E. BERG.





THE CHURCH BELL

Several times during former years the bell that for years past has given notice of our meetings served in other capacities than church work. It has an unusual history. It may add something to the history of this occasion to review at some length its service.

In this connection credit for information contained in this statement is due to J. M. Hays, of Jefferson City, Missouri, The Waterways Journal of St. Louis, Historian F. L. Woodridge of Parsons, Kansas, and Prof. J. Renwick Wylie, formerly of this city, now of Denver, Colo.

The bell was cast in 1848 in Cincinnati, by the G. W. Coffin Buckeye Bell Foundry. It was purchased by the American Fur Co. of St. Louis, which owned and operated a line of steamboats on the Missouri river, used in the interest of the fur trade along the rivers of the Northwestern states. The bell was installed on the steamer "Saint Ange", built in 1849, tonnage 254, Captain Joseph La Barge master, who was one of the principal stockholders of the fur company. Thereafter the boat made regular trips along the Missouri river, and in times of high water ascended to the head of navigation. It is recorded that on June 12th, 1851, the Saint Ange left St. Louis for the Yellowstone region, and on June 19, one week later, cholera broke out on board, and the majority of the passengers and crew were stricken. Among the passengers were two noted Jesuit priests, Rev. Fathers Hoecken and De Smet. They were going out as missionaries into the wild northwestern country. Father Hoecken took down with the dread disease and died just after he had administered the last sacrament to one of the dying.

The record shows also that the Saint Ange made ten trips in 1853 between St. Louis and Kansas City and Leavenworth, and then went into winter quarters in St. Louis, and was destroyed on January 2,

1854, being crushed during the breaking up of the ice, and was never rebuilt. Her bell, and such other valuable parts as were saved from the wreck, were placed on the levee for sale.

The late John McKinney, Sr., for many years a business man at Oquawka, Ill., prior to that time had built a three-story business house at Oquawka, the top story of which he had fitted up for church services for the Cumberland Presbyterians, of which church he was a member at that time. Hearing of the Saint Ange bell, Mr. McKinney went to St. Louis, purchased it, and placed it on his building in Oquawka. There it remained for many years. After a few years the church organization for whose use the bell had been purchased discontinued its services, and then the auditorium was utilized as a public hall, the bell being used to give notice of the various entertainments. Proof of its substantial construction was given when on a cold winter night mischievous boys reversed it and filled it with water. Strange to relate the bell came through the trying ordeal without damage. During that time among the persons who lectured in that hall were Joshua R. Giddings, Horace Greely, Cassius M. Clay, Senator George W. Julian, and others of note. The bell was used in many ways. It gave the alarm for fires and other disasters, especially at night. When entertainments were given during the Civil war for the benefit of our soldiers the bell made frequent urgent appeals for all to attend. The saddest day of its entire existence was the one during which it announced to the grief-stricken people the assassination of President Abraham Lincoln. No one who heard its solemn tones on that sad occasion will ever forget them.

In the spring of 1876 the bell was brought to Aledo and placed on the Academy established by John M. Wylie and J. Renwick Wylie, three years previously. In its new location for a number of years it performed its part in the operation of that excellent school. The importance of punctuality was one of the valuable lessons it helped to teach the students of that time. A pleasing feature of its work was the invitations it extended on Friday night to attend most enjoyable social meetings. In 1893 the Academy was closed and the property, including the building, bell and furniture, sold to Mrs. Della McWhorter Harr, who during the same year sold the bell to its present owners. It was then placed on the church building purchased by the Lutherans from the United Presbyterians, where it remained until the present commodious structure was completed and made ready for it in October 1902.

It is now thirty years since the bell came into the possession of this congregation, and it is seventy-five years since it was cast in Cincinnati. The years have brought to it different lines of service, in widely separated places, but still its work goes on. From the days of the old Saint Ange to the present time it has always been dependable, equal to every requirement. The story of its past has endeared it to all who have heard it. To such it no longer seems to be an inert mass of metal, but rather a living entity. What the future may hold in store for it no one can foresee. Let us hope it may continue to respond through many, many years to come to such service as may be required of it. We trust no harm may ever come to it, and may it ever proclaim, in no uncertain tones, "Peace on earth, good will to men."

Written on request by

HON. EX-CONGRESSMAN JAMES MCKINNEY.





OUR SERVICE FLAG

Monroe Almquist
Glen Anderson
Clarence Benson
Spencer Berglund
David Malm
Glen Peterson
John Blixt
Ernest Berg
Vern Moberg
Carl Lundblad
Henry Johnson
Ewald Berglund

Archie Runbom
Victor Runbom
Emmett Forsell
Harold Anderson
Andrew Anderson
Aurelius Anderson
Edwin Johnson
Carl Nyberg
Harry Peterson
Irwin Anderson
Herbert Anderson

The years 1917 and 1918 are memorable ones to all members of our church, as those were the years of the great World War. It came upon us with its great sacrifices and heartaches as it did in the many communities throughout the land.

Then we heard the bugles calling,
Then the angry war drums beat,
And upon our ears came falling
The measured tread of marching feet.

Then perhaps as never before nor since, family altars were established where prayers were continually rising to our heavenly Father for guidance and protection for our boys who had gone forth valiantly to take their places with the defenders of the rights of our people.

As a tangible evidence of the absence of the boys from our Church services and as a silent admonisher of their need for our prayers, our Service Flag became part of our church and to us became an intimate emblem.

The first of our boys to go were the ones who went in April, 1917, with Company B, 6th Illinois Infantry, which later was federalized and became part of the 123d Field Artillery.

With other contingents going at different times, others went, making in all twenty-three, for each one of whom a star was the silent spokesman, and of each we were justly proud.

They left their careless youth behind them,
To face a struggle fierce and stern,
We prayed no foeman's steel would find them,—
“God grant them all a safe return.”

And so God did grant them *all* a safe return and the Service Flag which had spoken to us so forcibly was lowered, to live in the history of our church and in our memories and lives, as we had become better men and women because of their sacrifices.

DELPHA REHN.





CHURCH OFFICERS

DEACONS

	From	To	Total Service
John E. Swanson	1873	1876	3 years
Charles Bjorkman	{ 1873 1885 1901 1912	{ 1879 1899 1910 1915	32 years
Olof Gustav Olson	1874	1884	10 years
Carl Runbom	{ 1874 1880	{ 1879 1884	9 years
Swen Larson	1875	1880	5 years
Joel Olson	1879	1881	2 years
Peter Plymn	1879	1881	2 years
Samuel Frank	1881	1885	4 years
H. P. Borklund	{ 1881 1890	{ 1885 1893	7 years
August Warner Peterson	1884	1890	6 years
C. A. Sjöholm	1884	1886	2 years
Johannes Johnson	1886	1888	2 years
John F. Anderson	1886	1888	2 years
G. A. Gustafson	{ 1886 1888	{ 1887 1921	34 years
Eric Hawkinson	{ 1887 1900	{ 1898 1921	22 years
Andrew Nelson	1885	1889	4 years
Jonas Runbom	1888	1894	6 years
Frank O. Anderson	1889	1898	9 years
C. A. Rosene	1894	1897	3 years



DEACONS.

C. E. BJORKMAN.
J. W. JOHNSON.

JOHN A. OLSON.
A. N. WEST.

NELS BENSON.
CHAS. A. JOHNSON.

	From	To	Total Service
Samuel Almquist	{ 1893 1901 1907	{ 1899 1906 1910	14 years
A. N. West	{ 1896 1921	{ 1899 1924	6 years
C. O. Anderson	1897	1900	3 years
J. A. Stromquist	1898	1899	1 year
C. A. A. Root	1901	1907	6 years
C. A. Peterson	1898	1901	3 years
John P. Berg	{ 1899 1905	{ 1902 1914	12 years
Claus W. Johnson	1900	1903	3 years
G. A. Nyberg	1899	1902	3 years
John Olson	{ 1906 1910	{ 1909 1925	18 years
Aug. Swanson	1909	1912	3 years
Henry Anderson	1910	1916	6 years
William Johnson	1911	1926	15 years
Nels Benson	1917	1926	9 years
Ed. Lindstrom	1914	1917	3 years
C. Ed. Bjorkman	1915	1924	9 years
Carl Gustaf Carlson	1916	1922	6 years
Chas. A. Johnson	1922	1925	3 years

TRUSTEES

	From	To	Total Service
J. O. Lundblad	1873	1882	9 years
Samuel Anderson	1873	1877	4 years
Peter Ringdahl	{ 1873 1879	{ 1876 1889	13 years
C. A. Nyberg	1873	1875	2 years
Eric Anderson	{ 1875 1883	{ 1882 1885	9 years
H. P. Borklund	1876	1880	4 years
Nels Swenson	1877	1879	2 years
Gustav Bjorkman	{ 1878 1880	{ 1879 1884	5 years
William Anderson	1881	1882	1 year



TRUSTEES.

A. L. LINDORFF.
AND. J. ANDERSON.

D. H. BOOSTROM,
Treasurer.

EMANUEL JOHNSON.
SWAN BERGLUND.

	From	To	Total Service
Oscar Wallen	1882	1884	2 years
Jonas Runbom	1883	1885	2 years
	{ 1884	1888 }	
Geo. Lundblad	{ 1898	1905 }	11 years
Carl Runbom	1884	1886	2 years
Fred Peterson	1885	1902	17 years
John P. Berg	1886	1900	14 years
John Hedvall	1888	1891	3 years
Swan Youngren	1888	1890	2 years
Andrew Nelson	1889	1898	9 years
August Anderson	1890	1896	6 years
	{ 1891	1900 }	
S. Ed. Peterson	{ 1903	1913 }	19 years
A. W. Almquist	1896	1902	6 years
John Alfred Johnson	1898	1904	6 years
C. A. A. Root	1899	1901	2 years
Eric Peterson	1900	1903	3 years
C. O. Anderson	1900	1909	9 years
C. Ed. Bjorkman	1902	1910	8 years
Fred Larson	1903	1906	3 years
Oscar Almquist	1905	1914	9 years
Henry Anderson	1906	1907	1 year
Peter Farm	1908	1917	9 years
Ludwig Ericson	1909	1918	9 years
E. T. Carlson	1910	1919	9 years
Andrew Runbom	1913	1916	3 years
Oscar W. Anderson	1914	1920	6 years
Ed. Moberg	1916	1919	3 years
Frank Forsell	1917	1923	6 years
A. J. Anderson	1918	1924	6 years
David Bostrom	1919	1925	6 years
A. W. Swanson	1919	1922	3 years
Arthur Lindorff	1920	1926	6 years
Emanuel Johnson	1922	1925	3 years
Swan Berglund	1923	1926	3 years

CHURCH SECRETARIES

	From	To	Total Service
Oscar Wallen	1873	1874	1 year
John E. Swanson	1874	1875	1 year
A. Anderson	1875	1876	1 year
Charles Bjorkman	1876	1888	12 years
	{ 1888	1890 }	
John P. Berg	{ 1902	1903 }	3 years
	{ 1890	1892 }	
H. P. Borklund	{ 1894	1895 }	3 years
Andrew M. Runbom	1892	1894	2 years
	{ 1895	1896 }	
C. Ed Bjorkman	{ 1899	1902 }	5 years
	{ 1919	1920 }	
	{ 1896	1899 }	
A. W. Almquist	{ 1903	1905 }	7 years
	{ 1920	1922 }	
John Gustafson	1905	1907	2 years
	{ 1907	1909 }	
John Ryden	{ 1912	1915 }	7 years
	{ 1922	1924 }	
August Swanson	1910	1912	2 years
Axel Hemming	1915	1916	1 year
Oscar W. Anderson	1916	1919	3 years

CHURCH TREASURERS

	From	To	Total Service
Jos. O. Lundblad.....	1876	(not recorded)	
	{ 1888	1889 }	
Geo. O. Lundblad	{ 1903	1905 }	3 years
J. P. Berg	1889	1899	10 years
A. W. Almquist	1899	1903	4 years
C. Ed. Bjorkman	1905	1911	6 years
	{ 1911	1912 }	
E. T. Carlson	{ 1914	1918 }	5 years
Oscar O. Almquist	1912	1914	2 years
Oscar W. Anderson	1919	1921	2 years
Frank Forsell	1921	1922	1 year
David H. Bostrom	1922	1924	2 years

CHURCH SEXTONS

	From	To	Total Service
John E. Swanson	1874	1875	1 year
Carl Runbom	1875	1879	4 years
Swan Jacobson	1879	1881	2 years
Chas. Bjorkman	1881	1882	1 year
P. A. Johnson	{ 1882 1888 1919 }	{ 1887 1911 1923 }	32 years
John Runbom	1887	1888	1 year
Peter Dahl	1911	1919	8 years
Geo. O. Lundblad	1923	1924	1 year

S. S. SUPERINTENDENTS AND ASSISTANTS.

Superintendents	Assistants	From	To
Nels Swenson	Joel Olson	1877	no record
C. Bjorkman	(None elected)	1883	1887
C. A. Sjoholm	(None elected)	1887	1888
C. Bjorkman	Sam Almquist	1888	1896
A. N. West	C. Bjorkman	1896	1898
C. Bjorkman	J. A. Stromquist	1898	1899
C. Bjorkman	C. Ed. Bjorkman	1899	1900
C. Bjorkman	Samuel Almquist	1900	1901
Geo. O. Lundblad	C. O. Almquist	1901	1902
C. Bjorkman	A. N. West	1902	1903
C. Bjorkman	C. O. Anderson	1903	1905
Aug. Swanson	(None elected)	1905	1907
Rev. Swenson	C. Bjorkman	1907	1908
Aug. Swanson	(None elected)	1908	1909
Rev. Swenson	Aug. Swanson	1909	1910
John Gustafson	Aug. Swanson	1910	1911
Rev. Swenson	Aug. Swanson	1911	1914
Aug. Swanson	Oscar Anderson	1914	1915
{ Ed. Lindstrom } { Aug. Swanson }	(None elected)	1915	1916
Aug. Swanson	Christine Almquist	1916	1917
Aug. Swanson	John Gustafson	1917	1918
Rev. Mattson	John Gustafson	1918	1919
Arthur Lindorff	(None elected)	1919	1922
Miss Minnie Johnson	(None elected)	1922	1923
John Johnson	Mrs. Ed. Bjorkman	1923	1924

ORGANISTS AND SONG LEADERS.

Organists	Song Leaders	From	To	Total Service
	Joel Olson.....	no record		
Hilma Lundblad		{ 1882	1890}	12 years
(Gustafson)		{ 1891	1895}	
Emma Borklund		1895	1902	7 years
(Johnson)		{ 1902	1904}	
Josie Bjorkman		{ 1910	1911}	3 years
Ida Berg		1904	1908	4 years
		{ 1908	1910}	
David Berg		{ 1911	1912}	3 years
Hilma Lundblad				5 years
(Ford)		1912	1917	
Edna Borklund				7 years
(Stevens)		1917	1924	
	Arthur Lindorff..	1921	1924	3 years



STATISTICS 1873-1923

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J. B. A. Idstrom	1805	149	08	257	8	16	10	3	5	1	2	3	7	82	1,474.24	77.76	1,532.00	18.71	1803	3,742.00
J. B. A. Idstrom	1806	165	111	276	16	16	15	17	15	1	2	3	7	82	1,474.24	77.76	1,532.00	18.71	1803	3,742.00
J. B. A. Idstrom	1807	168	111	285	12	5	3	1	1	1	3	2	4	78	731.24	115.70	1,261.63	1877	1803	3,742.00
J. B. A. Idstrom	1808	193	112	365	5	17	12	1	1	1	3	2	4	78	731.24	115.70	1,261.63	1877	1803	3,742.00
J. B. A. Idstrom	1809	186	113	299	21	15	10	1	15	1	3	2	4	54	913.01	172.40	1,085.41	1877	1803	3,800.00
J. B. A. Idstrom	1809	186	113	295	11	15	10	1	15	1	3	2	4	54	913.01	172.40	1,085.41	1877	1803	3,800.00
J. B. A. Idstrom	1900	189	106	295	11	15	13	7	12	11	5	1	1	40	1,098.27	153.43	1,340.47	1877	1803	3,800.00
Vacant	1901	190	110	300	10	19	13	7	12	11	5	1	1	37	1,061.41	133.22	1,249.30	1877	1803	3,800.00
Vacant	1902	205	81	285	10	19	13	7	12	11	5	1	1	51	827.63	116.23	1,104.63	1877	1803	3,800.00
A. T. Lundholm	1903	185	90	275	10	13	4	11	11	1	3	2	3	26	11,069.05	137.63	11,206.68	1902	1902	2,000.00
A. T. Lundholm	1904	199	112	311	21	13	26	13	14	1	3	2	3	51	2,110.12	297.51	2,331.63	1902	1902	2,000.00
A. T. Lundholm	1905	225	118	343	13	7	26	16	12	1	2	3	4	60	2,137.16	297.84	2,365.00	1902	1902	2,000.00
A. T. Lundholm	1906	230	121	351	12	7	2	11	11	1	2	3	4	40	1,403.40	153.02	1,556.42	1902	1902	2,000.00
F. Swenson	1907	240	93	343	7	10	9	9	3	1	1	1	6	50	1,945.40	210.03	2,155.43	1902	1902	2,000.00
F. Swenson	1908	241	94	335	17	3	6	6	12	1	1	1	6	50	2,928.79	373.13	2,701.92	1902	1902	2,000.00
F. Swenson	1909	258	91	349	9	1	3	9	9	3	5	5	5	57	1,534.13	217.08	1,851.21	1902	1902	2,000.00
F. Swenson	1910	256	96	352	9	1	13	9	2	5	6	6	5	57	1,587.67	456.38	1,911.45	1902	1902	2,000.00
F. Swenson	1911	262	99	351	7	2	7	2	2	1	8	8	6	50	4,337.65	306.70	4,701.36	1902	1902	2,000.00
F. Swenson	1912	257	99	356	8	9	5	2	4	1	4	1	7	45	1,539.83	648.24	2,288.07	1902	1902	2,000.00
F. Swenson	1913	269	102	371	13	8	6	2	8	1	5	1	6	30	1,517.15	510.26	2,087.41	1902	1902	2,000.00
J. A. Hemborg, v. p.	1914	264	102	365	3	16	6	2	3	1	1	1	6	30	1,809.40	415.70	2,225.10	1902	1902	2,000.00
J. A. Hemborg, v. p.	1915	273	89	362	5	16	3	2	3	1	1	1	6	30	2,890.63	485.82	2,775.45	1902	1902	2,000.00
Joseph C. Mattson	1916	278	96	374	5	16	3	2	3	1	1	1	6	35	2,027.12	595.71	2,622.82	1902	1902	2,000.00
J. C. Mattson	1917	292	93	351	10	16	7	4	12	4	2	2	6	37	2,343.68	701.40	3,134.08	1902	1902	2,000.00
J. C. Mattson	1918	268	93	351	10	16	7	4	12	4	2	2	6	37	2,343.68	701.40	3,134.08	1902	1902	2,000.00
J. C. Mattson	1919	289	77	366	4	16	7	4	12	4	2	2	6	34	2,360.37	1,488.02	3,748.39	1902	1902	2,000.00
J. C. Mattson	1920	282	79	361	4	12	21	16	3	10	3	3	3	34	1,858.50	1,223.92	3,088.42	1902	1902	2,000.00
O. F. Doncej	1921	286	70	356	3	12	21	16	3	10	3	3	3	73	1,390.59	2,190.19	4,780.78	1902	1902	2,000.00
O. F. Doncej	1922	305	92	397	6	1	10	8	7	3	8	2	9	80	2,716.62	1,871.12	4,533.74	1902	1902	2,000.00
O. F. Doncej	1923	329	78	407	17	2	7	6	7	3	8	2	9	80	2,716.62	1,871.12	4,533.74	1902	1902	2,000.00
Totals			454	289	4	7	399	156	358	45	113	29	108	71	71,418.89	16,281.94	87,703.83			

Anniversary Programs

FRIDAY, MAY 18, 1923

8 P. M.

Selection	ORCHESTRA
Song—No. 143	CONGREGATION
Invocation	MR. ROBERT ACSELL
Address of Welcome	REV. O. F. DOMEIJ
Vocal Solo	MRS. HATTIE ANDERSON
Greetings in behalf of the women	MRS. ED. BJORKMAN
Selection—Lord God of Hosts (<i>Macy</i>)	LADIES' CHORUS
Greetings in behalf of the men	MR. EMANUEL JOHNSON
Violin Solo	MR. ERNEST BERG
Recitation	MILDRED CLAUSON
Selection	SUNDAY SCHOOL ORCHESTRA
Address	REV. JOSEPH C. MATTSON
Song—No. 186	CONGREGATION
Benediction	REV. O. F. DOMEIJ
Selection	ORCHESTRA

SATURDAY, MAY 19, 1923

Rock Island District Mission Meeting.

9:30—10:30 A. M. Business session.

10:30 A. M. LECTURE.....DR. JOHN EKHOLM
Subject: *The Function of the Christian Minister as a Preacher.*

2:30 P. M. Diskussion över ämnet: *Jag tror på en helig, allmännelig kyrka, de heligas samfund.* Inledare.....REV. E. F. BERGREN

SUNDAY, MAY 20, 1923

10:00 A. M.

Address to the Sunday School.....REV. GEO. A. FAHLUND

10:30 A. M.

High Mass with Communion.

Preparatory Sermon.....REV. J. B. A. IDSTROM

Song—Psalm 84 (*Wennerberg*).....CHOIR

Sermon.....REV. A. T. LUNDHOLM

Song—Praise the Lord (*Maker*).....MALE QUARTET

SUNDAY, MAY 20, 1923

3:00 P. M.

JUBILEE PROGRAM

Overture—Poet and Peasant (*F. von Suppe*).....ORCHESTRA

Song—No. 189CONGREGATION

InvocationDR. NILS FORSANDER

Vocal Duet—The Lord Is My Light.....*Buck*

MR. AND MRS. ARTHUR LINDORFF

Historical SketchREV. O. F. DOMEIJ

Song—Hark, Hark, My Soul (*Shelley*).....CHOIR

AddressREV. DR. GUSTAV ANDREEN

Song—No. 193CONGREGATION

Greetings.....	{	DR. G. A. BRANDELLE
		DR. PETER PETERSON
		REV. C. O. MORLAND
		REV. J. B. POLLOCK

Benediction.....REV. J. B. A. IDSTROM

Doxology No. 5.....CONGREGATION

SelectionORCHESTRA

SUNDAY EVENING, MAY 20, 1923

8:00 O'CLOCK

SACRED CONCERT

Cantata: PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING—*Adams*

Overture—Light Cavalry (<i>F. von Suppe</i>).....	ORCHESTRA
Invocation	REV. A. T. LUNDHOLM
Cantata—Part One	CHOIR
Address	DR. PETER PETERSON
Cantata—Part Two	CHOIR
Selection	ORCHESTRA
Benediction.....	REV. JOSEPH C. MATTSON





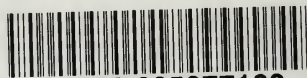
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